SCSO Detectives Investigating Murder/Suicide

Seminoles Co. (Oct. 20, 2023)-Seminoles County detectives are currently investigations a murder/suicide that spans two scenes within the county.

At approximately 8:45 a.m., deputies received multiple calls from motorists who stated a woman got out of the passenger side of a car parked on the shoulder of the S.R 417 bridge and jumped into Lake Jesup. Upon arrival, deputies spotted the woman floating in the water and enlisted the assistance of boaters, one later determined to be an off-duty Seminole County Firefighter, to help recover the body. The woman was pronounced deceased on scene and identified as Catorreia Hutto, 31, of Sanford.

After learning the woman’s identity, deputies discovered she had 5-year-old twins, who were not located in the woman’s car or in the water. Deputies subsequently responded to her home address and found the two children, Ahmad and Ava Jackson, deceased inside the house. The manner of death for the twins is unknown at this time, with no apparent signs of trauma, and is pending autopsy results.

Sheriff Dennis Lemma held an on-scene briefing at 1 p.m. The video of the briefing and 911 calls from the motorists reporting the woman had jumped can be accessed here. No additional briefings on this case are expected. The investigation is open and ongoing at this time.

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